

WELCOME TO MISSION VALLEY UNITED

Mission Valley United Tryout Rules & Regulations 2009



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MVU - TRY-OUTS 2009

Open Tryout

All current players receive notice through their current team placement. Tryout dates and times are posted on the MVU website. **These are open tryouts. Players on existing rosters return to their age group “pool” and are required to try out for a team.**

Age Levels

Below is the current breakdown of Division and single-year age groups.

For example:

- FULL-SIDED (11 vs. 11) Division 1- 3 Under-12 through Under-19
- SMALL-SIDED (8 vs. 8) Division 1-3 Under -9 through Under-11

Methods

FULL-SIDED Division 1 through 3 (Under-12 through Under-19) tryouts consists of a combination of short-sided and 11 vs. 11 full-sided scrimmages.

SMALL-SIDED Division 1 through 3 (Under-9 through under -11) consists of scrimmages or whatever is deemed appropriate.

*MVU does reserve the right to adjust roster and team divisions based on numbers and ability.

Evaluators

Evaluators will be licensed coaches or other soccer affiliated professionals. Each evaluator will grade players using our MVU youth player assessment. The players will be graded on the following criteria: Technique, Intelligence, Personality, Speed, and Effectiveness & Fitness. They will be given a score on a scale of 1 (Needs Improvement), - 10 (Excellent).

MVU - TEAM SELECTION

Age Group Coordinators - The names of the MVU coordinators appear in the tryout announcements.

Number of Teams - It is the intent to form whenever possible, at least two teams in each single-year/gender age group. A prime consideration in forming a second team will be the team's ability to be competitive in a given division. If we feel the second team will not be competitive we will form an additional challenge team (when age group permits).

Selection Procedures - Teams are selected by the assessors and the appointed or reappointed Coaches. Teams are selected in descending order. For example, beginning with the Division 1 Under-18 "A" team, then Division Under-18 "B" team etc. If a complete team at competitive level cannot be formed in the older single-year age group in a given division, then selection moves on to the younger single year team within that Division. For example, if it is not possible to form a complete Under-12 team, but it is possible to form a complete Under-11 team, then the Under-11 team is selected first, and a mixed Division 4 (U-12, U-11) team is formed from the remaining players.

Mission Valley United Competitive Program Breakdown 2009

	Boys			Girls		
Age Group	Black	White	Red	Black	White	Red
U19	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U18	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U17	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U16	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U15	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U14	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U13	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U12	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U11	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U10	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	
U9	Team A	Team B		Team A	Team B	

Head Coaches are allowed to select a minimum of fourteen (when possible) and maximum of eighteen players.

D. Placement Appeals - If a player or parent is concerned about team selection, they have the right to submit a written appeal to the Mission Valley Director of Coaching. The appeal will be reviewed and an attempt will be made to resolve final selection. If the player or parent is not satisfied with the decision, they may make a written appeal to the Executive Director.

MVU - VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

Vacancies and Transfers – The DOC reserves the right to move players during the season. For example during the season, if the DOC observes a player on a Div 3 team who is outperforming a player on the Div 1 team. The Div 1 team player will be transferred onto the Div 3 team and the Div 3 team player transferred onto the Div 1 team.

It is not MVU intent to hold tryouts from fall to spring. However, on a case-by-case basis, new teams may be formed based on number of eligible/qualified players. New players to the club can tryout and be placed accordingly, the DOC will have final say on placement of each player.

New Teams may be formed each spring season but only after having a tryout. However, the Club reserves the right to conduct tryouts prior to approving formation of new Spring Season teams if based on registrations there are sufficient players to create more than one new team. The Director of Coaching will determine the necessity to conduct off season tryouts prior to approval of placement of any new player. Formation of new teams will be reviewed by the Executive Director.

Player Movement (once the season begins)

Player movement (once placed on a team, after tryouts) can happen at any time, upon consent of the players and parents involved and those players will first come from the same age group. Player Development is the main concern involved with the player movement, but we will address concerns on a case by case basis. Both US Club Soccer and CYSA have an open club pass that allows this movement and helps promote development.

Playing Up

Players will tryout in their age group. If they are currently playing in an age group above, they **must** tryout in their age group as well as the current age group that they participate.

Once the coaches have assessed the players they will be assigned accordingly to the appropriate teams upon approval from the DOC and the Executive Director.

Team Assignment

Players will be placed on teams based on ability in their particular age group. If there are enough players to construct more than one team, then two or more teams will be formed. Teams will be formed based on abilities with a Black, White and Red team if necessary; with Black being the strongest team.

If a player is going to play up an age group that player must meet the following criteria:

- It is in the best interest of the individual for his or her development to play up an age group.
- By moving this player MVU is not diminishing the team they are leaving as well as the team they are joining.

- The player is one of the top three players in their particular age group, an ODP player or higher, or will make an impact on the team they are moving to.
- All player assignments must be approved by the DOC as well as the Executive Director upon review.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Competitive Program

If the number on the back of the pinnie that you wore at tryouts is listed on the website (after tryouts), you have made the team. Please check our website for team posting dates. All players that are committed to playing need to have a parent/guardian/representative present at the meeting to accept their position. Failure to attend the meeting will be taken as non-acceptance. We regret that we cannot send an email to those players not selected but the turn-around time between Tryouts is too short to do so. PLEASE BE PATIENT - Calling the Office only slows us down!

At the team meeting:

1. You will register your player
2. Pay your registration fee (if paid online bring your confirmation)
3. Complete a medical waiver
4. Agree to and sign the code of ethics
5. See the tournament schedule
6. See your tentative practice schedule

Weather

In case of inclement weather please CALL our MVU Weather Hotline 510-353-4038 or visit www.MissionValleyUnited.com to check for weather updates. If bad weather rolls in during Tryouts, a decision will be made at the fields by the MVU Director of Coaching and his Staff. We will always stop immediately if lightning is in the area. You may be asked to remain in your cars until bad weather moves out of the area.

MVU - SCHEDULE AND TRAVEL

The competitive divisions are divided up as follows:

MVU Black “A” Teams U13-U19 Play GSSL and CYSA State Cup
MVU Black “A” Teams U9-U12 Play Nor Cal Premier & Nor Cal Premier State Cup /
CYSA Dist 3

MVU White “B” Teams U13-U19 Play Al Caffodido and Association Cup
MVU White “B” Teams U9-U12 Play Nor Cal Premier & Nor Cal Premier State Cup /
CYSA Dist 3

You will probably have 5-8 games in the fall and 5-8 games in the spring. Half of the games normally will be home and half away. U-12 and below will be playing locally (Mustang, San Ramon, Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Fremont, Newark). Some of the U-13 and above will be playing in the premier division (best 8-10 teams in the state) and will include Mustang, Pleasanton, Sacramento, Fresno etc.

*MVU does reserve the right to schedule games on non play dates.

U9 and U12 Tentative Schedule

The U9’s will play 8 v 8 and the Nor Cal Premier has decided depending upon the number of teams in your age group each team will play everybody once (you have no number of maximum games per season). We will also be allowed to play two games per day. For example if you are playing Dublin SC in the morning you could also play Livermore in the afternoon. The DOC and Executive Director will get the schedule for the U9 and U12 season.

U13 and above

The DOC and Executive Director create the schedule after consultation with the coach and the manager.

Opposition U9 – U12

You will play against the other Regional teams associated with Nor Cal Premier.

Opposition U13 +

You will play against the other District teams associated with CYSA with Northern California.

MVU - Competitive Tournaments

MVU competitive teams play in state and out of state tournaments. We will also take into consideration the reputation of the tournament regarding talent of the teams as well if the tournament is on the college coaches recruiting schedule. Your team will receive their tournament schedule at the team meeting.

The DOC will choose a minimum of two per season for your team from the following list.

Date	Tournament Name
Jul	Elk Grove United Cup
Jul	Futbol Classic – Fremont
Jul	Santa Rosa United Academy Cup
Jul	Diablo FC Summer Classic
Aug	Santa Cruz Breakers Cup
Aug	Tournament of Champions
Aug	Mission Valley Jamboree
Aug	Bob Fowler Memorial
Aug	Nike Stampede – Mustang Soccer Club
Aug	Santa Clara Sporting Invitational
Aug	Walnut Creek Summer Fest Jamboree
Aug	Soccer by the Bay
Aug	Summer Classic
Aug	Devil Mountain Invitational
Aug	Soccer by the Bay
Aug	Nike Stampede – Mustang Soccer Club
Aug	Walnut Creek Summer Fest
Aug	Pleasanton Rage Soccer City Warm-UP
Aug	Mission Valley Jamboree
Aug	Fremont Trick or Treat
Sep	Battle By The Bay
Sep	1st Annual Castro Valley Soccer Club 24/7 Footie Fest
Sep	

*The Director of Coaching will work with each Head Coach to determine the tournaments and programming that will be appropriate for each team and player. All tournament entries and other soccer related activities will be pre-approved by the Director of Coaching. The decision made by the Director of Coaching will be final.

MVU - Competitive Practice Schedule

U9 –U13 – Three practices per week (3 Professional Sessions)

U14 – U18 – Three practices per week

Practice locations, dates and time will be determined based on field availability.

MVU Competitive Try-out Dates and Times 2009

**All try-outs will take place at Central Park Soccer Complex –
See www.MissionValleyUnited.com for directions and days.**

Player Registration Procedure

After the teams have been posted, check the day and time for your team meeting. All paperwork will be completed at the team meeting. Your team manager cannot register the team if one player's paperwork is not in order. If a team's paperwork is not cleared then they will not be given permission to start practice or to enter tournament/s as they will not be insured through MVU. No exceptions!



Mission Valley United CODE OF ETHICS



Congratulations on being selected to join the Mission Valley United for the 2009-2010 Seasonal Year! Your skills and hard work have earned you a spot in one of the top soccer clubs in the United States. Our coaches and Board of Directors hope that this will be an enjoyable year for you and your family. As part of the process, we want to ensure that you are fully aware and understand the commitments MVU is making to you at this time, and our expectations and obligations from you as a result of you accepting the position offered to you. Every player and parent will be asked to acknowledge your understanding of the mutual expectations between you and MVU.

Accepting the position offered obligates each player to pay the full non refundable registration fee regardless of whether the player later decides to leave the MVU prior to the end of the seasonal year.

All players, parents/guardians/spectators will be bound by the following Code of Ethics while participating in MVU sanctioned events.

Competitive Dues Payment Policy

Upon acceptance of a spot on a Mission Valley United Competitive team, each Competitive player (and family) shall be expected to make a commitment to the Competitive team for the entire year (fall and spring seasons). This commitment includes:

- Filling the roster spot on the team for the entire year
- Remitting dues for the entire year

Generally, no refunds of dues payments will be made once a Competitive team spot has been accepted. Additionally, the commitment to pay all annual dues for the year is binding notwithstanding circumstances which may arise that limit a player's activity with the team. Any request for a special waiver of this policy based on extraordinary circumstances must be made in writing to the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive Director will be final. Failure to remit dues payments on a timely basis may result in suspension from all soccer activities until dues have been paid. Any MVU Competitive player/family with a prior outstanding dues balance will not be permitted to participate in competitive play or tryouts for the following year or play within Mission Valley United Soccer until such balance has been paid.



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Our purpose is to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork, achievement or excellence, self-confidence and fun for players and their families through the game of soccer. The conduct of coaches, family members and spectators is critical to this process. Considering the thousands of people involved with MVU games, the instances of poor conduct each year are remarkably few. These few instances, however, will not be tolerated. Civility, decency and respect are concepts that we all should understand. Each person attending a MVU game should be aware of the following standards:

PLAYER/CLUB EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT

MVU WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. MVU will provide a comprehensive soccer program, which is designed to maximize each player's fullest potential. Each player will be assigned to a team that will have a Head Coach, who is overseen by MVU full time staff, including the Boys/Girls Program Directors and MVU Director of Coaching. All of the MVU Staff, Head Coach, Program Directors and the Director of Coaching will be contracted directly by MVU. From time to time, optional fee based camps and programming will be offered to MVU members, which is not part of the base fee.
2. In an effort to develop every player, teams will train and play games. Each team will be entered into a league that meets their ability. MVU will pay for one league entry for the approved league.

PLAYERS

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
2. I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
4. I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
5. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
6. I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
7. I will play by the rules at all times.
8. I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
9. I will always exercise self- control.
10. I will be in accordance with MVU rules.
11. While traveling, I will conduct myself properly as a representative of MVU.
12. Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex or while traveling as a representative of CFYSA.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS/GUARDIAN

1. MVU is a premier competitive soccer club; there is NO guarantee of minimum playing time. The Director of Coaching will handle all unresolved disputes between coaches and players. In the interest of player development, players will occasionally cross-train or guest play within age groups, and/or guest play outside the Club (e.g. college showcase opportunities). Such guest playing opportunities will only be with the express pre-approval of the Director of Coaching.
2. From time – to- time there will be team expenses above and beyond the club registration fee noted above, referred to as Team expenses. Team expenses may include tournament fees, extra soccer gear, coaches travel reimbursement, referees fees for tournaments and other non-league games, and travel costs associated with attending these events. The team may seek and receive donations or, with Club pre-approval, fundraise to defray these expenses. To the extent such donations and/or fundraising amounts are deposited and credited to a team's account, they may be used to pay for such expenses. These funds will remain with MVU in the event the player decides to leave the Club, with any unused amount moving with the team account as it progresses year-to-year in age group.
3. The Director of Coaching will work with each Head Coach to determine the tournaments and programming that will be appropriate for each team and player. All tournament entries and other soccer related activities will be pre-approved by the Director of Coaching. The decision made by the Director of Coaching will be final.
4. The Director of Coaching will work with each Head Coach on the practice location and time. The decision made by the Director of Coaching will be final.
5. I understand and will support changes to practice due to the weather, field availability, daylight savings time and the coaches' availability.
6. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
7. I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
8. I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
9. I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
10. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
11. I will always be positive.
12. I will always allow the coach to be the only coach. I will not coach from the sidelines or through other forms of communication.
13. I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
14. I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
15. Neither coaches, parents, nor other team supporters may make critical, abusive or offensive comments to the players, coaches or supporters of an opposing team before, during, or after a game.
16. Games are officiated by referees and their assistants, not coaches, parents, or spectators. There is a process and a time for coaches to disagree with calls. Voice your opinion to your coach, not the officials.

17. Parents and other team supporters may not approach game officials at any time for the purpose of disputing calls, or making critical, abusive or offensive comments.
18. As a parent/guardian I agree to pay the fees outlined by Mission Valley United. Failure to remit dues payments on a timely basis may result in suspension from all Competitive soccer activities until dues have been paid
19. Neither coaches, parents nor other team supporters may be present behind goals or on the first 18 yards of each sideline beginning at each corner. These "clear zones" protect keepers and players taking corner kicks.
20. The referee may require any person present at a MVU game to leave the game site.
21. MVU will prosecute or support the prosecution of anyone who violates any law or ordinance (e.g. assault or possession of alcohol).
22. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, spectator, or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or a MVU Official must leave the complex immediately.
23. The individual **may not** return to the complex or field **after** the game. The individual may not return to the complex until **one hour** after the scheduled completion of the next contest of that team. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional game. b. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, spectator, or player who is dismissed from a game by a referee or a MVU Official for **fighting** must leave the complex immediately. The individual may not return to the complex or field after the game. The individual is immediately suspended from attending the next two games of that team. Furthermore, the individual may not attend any other game involving MVU teams until that two game suspension has ended. Any individual who violates these rules will be suspended for an additional game. These are minimum sanctions. Violations of these standards will result in the ejection of the violator from MVU facilities temporarily or permanently. Violations by a coach, parent, or other family member may also result in the suspension of the coach, the parent, the parent's child or the team from membership in MVU or the violator's local association. Soccer is a game.

Youth soccer is for the enjoyment of young people and their families. The overwhelming majority of our community understands what these simple facts mean. The positive examples you provide for your children are valued.

The Board of Directors at Mission Valley United requires that the parent(s) or guardian(s) of each player registered read the above Code of Conduct and agree to uphold the guidelines set forth above. A player's registration form is not complete until this form is attached to the Registration Form.

Each player and parent has received and read the MVU Code of Ethics, and agrees to abide by those requirements. By signing below, each player and parent accepts a position with the MVU and agrees to act in a respectful manner at all practices, games, travel, etc, and serve as role models to others to maintain the integrity of ourselves, our team, and all of MVU and affiliated organization and its players and parents will conduct themselves in accordance with and be governed by MVU and CYSA/Nor Cal Premier policies and rules at all times.

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, have read and agree that all members of my household will abide by the Code of Ethics of Mission Valley United.

Acknowledged and agreed to this ____ day of _____, 2007.

Signature (Parent 1): _____ Date: _____

Signature (Parent 2): _____ Date: _____

Signature (Player): _____ Date: _____

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in MVU sanctioned events, for the following periods:
 1st offense suspension minimum fourteen (14) days to a maximum of one (1) years
 2nd offense suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of Ten (10) years
 3rd offense suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.
 NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process before the implementation of any suspension.

Date Received: _____	DOC Initials: _____
Check #: _____	Age Group: _____
Cash: _____	Tryout #: _____

COMPETTIVE TRYOUT FORM MVU 2009

Non – MVU Player must provide copy of birth certificate with tryout form and fee

Player's Name: _____		Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
Gender _____		Medical Conditions _____	
Player's Address: _____			
Home Phone: (____) _____		Email: _____	
Current Team's Name: _____		Current Coach's Name: _____	

Mother/Guardian: _____		Father/Guardian: _____	
Street Address: _____		Street Address _____	
(If different from above)		(If different from above)	
City: _____		City: _____	
Zip: _____		Zip: _____	
Emergency Contact Name: _____		Phone: _____	

WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I intend to allow my child to participate in Mission Valley United. I recognize that soccer is a collision sport and that the risk of physical injury is inherent to the sport. I certify that my child is medically sound and physically fit to play soccer. I am aware of and voluntarily assume all risks - regardless of their causes - to my child, including accidental injury or injury caused by the negligence of others, arising from his/her participation in Mission Valley United and/or its activities, including participation in the sport of soccer. Such risks specifically include but are not limited to - and I certify that I will make my child aware of - the danger of significant personal injury (including death) associated with soccer goals which may tip over or collapse when used as a device on which to climb, hang or otherwise play or when improperly moved or secured. I also agree to follow all rules explained to me at tryouts by the Mission United Staff. I understand that it is not the responsibility of Mission Valley United or its representatives to serve as guardians of my child's safety. I am responsible for my child's protective equipment and the use by my child of protective equipment, including shin guards and mouthpieces and for the condition of his/her cleats if he/she chooses to wear them. Furthermore, I understand those weather conditions and conditions of the playing field can vary and can increase the risk of personal injury. I will note the weather conditions and the condition of the field, and I voluntarily assume all risks to my child arising from such conditions. In consideration of Mission Valley United sponsoring its program, I will not hold Mission Valley United or any of its officers, employees or agents liable in damages for any injuries my child might sustain while participating with Mission Valley United and any activities of leagues sponsored by it. I hereby release and forever hold harmless Mission Valley United and all of its officers, employees or agents from any liabilities, claims, damages or losses arising from or in any way relating to my child's participation in the soccer club. My signature below indicates that I fully understand the Release and Assumption of Risk, which I am voluntarily signing, will bind me, my heirs and my personal representatives.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____